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SUBJ : LAGOS/APAPA PORT CONGESTION

1. THERE HAVE BEEN EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FROM PORT AUTHORITIES AND PRIVATE SOURCES, RECENTLY, IN USE OF HEAVY-LIFT HELICOPTERS AS MEANS OF HELPING TO CLEAR LAGOS PORT CONGESTION. EMBASSY HAS BEEN ASKED TO SUPPLY NAMES OF U.S. CHARTER FLIGHT COMPANIES WITH AIRCRAFT SUCH AS BOEING "CHINOOK" AND SIKORSKY "SKYCREANE" IN THEIR INVENTORY, THAT MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN TAKING ON PROJECT OF THIS NATURE ON CONTRACT BASIS.

2. INQUIRIES SO FAR ARE VERY TENTATIVE, WITH AIM OF DETERMINING GENERAL FEASIBLITY THIS IDEA. WE SEE NUMBER OF PROBLEMS LITH PROPOSED SCHEME, NOT LEAST OF WHICH WOULD BE HIGH COST. HOWEVER, FOR PURPOSES OF BEING RESPONSIVE TO NIGERIAN REQUEST WOULD APPRECIATE NAST REPLY FROM COMMERCE.

3. COMMENT: WOULD EXPECT THAT THERE ARE HANDFUL OF COMPANIES THAT HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF WIND-DOWN VIETNAM WAR TO ACQUIRE HEAVY-LIFT HELICOPTERS AT SECOND-HAND PRICES. UNDERSTAND THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME EXPERIEMENATION WITH USE OF SUCH HELICOPTERS IN NEW JERSEY PORTS.
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